The Town of North Kingstown Invites the Public

To join us for the . . .

WICKFORD WALKING WORKSHOP

Saturday January 17, 2015
Noon to 4PM

Starts at 55 Brown St. 12:00 Sharp
Walking tour finishes at St. Paul’s Parish Hall

Participants will be asked to help create a renewed vision for making Wickford an economic driver for the entire town.

Refreshments will be provided by Pranzi Catering

Frigid temperatures! About 20 degrees
Wickford Workshop

• Event was organized by:
  – Planning Department
  – EDAB/WEDAB
  – Wil Gates
  – Don Leighton

• Catering was donated by Pranzi Catering

• Over 50 people attended!

• Involved a walk from the Town Hall Annex through the back parking lot, down Brown Street to West Main/Main Street, up West Main Street, and down Main Street to St. Paul’s for discussion and design
At St. Paul’s

Two pieces to the workshop:

– 1. Wish List
– 2. Design Event
Big Ideas

• Promote the POSITIVES!
• Keep a balance of a vibrant community and quality of life, residents vs. businesses
• Continue to preserve historic charm
• Connectivity extremely important
• Rune Stone location also a concern
Promote the Positives

• Wickford has much to offer in many ways

• Water/harbor an asset to develop

• Lots of existing opportunities which can be expanded
Connectivity

• **Connectivity to surroundings**
  – Add signage for existing library loop
  – Promote open space connectivity
  – Route 1 entrance not welcoming
  – West Main and Phillips both need infrastructure attention
  – Crosswalks

• **Connectivity to existing businesses**
  – Indoor/outdoor opportunities including sidewalk seating

• **Connectivity to other agencies**
  – Public art, art tours, Wickford Art Association
  – Parades
  – Concerts
  – RIPTA/Wickford Junction

• **Connectivity to water**
  – Water taxi
  – Docks
  – Business focal point
Early Action Items

• Window boxes, landscaping, gardens
• Promoting biking and walking loops
• Promote food trucks
• Improve signage
• Encourage outdoor seating
Long Term Goals

Continual improvement of water access

- “Harbor Walk”
- Improvements to the walking area
- Park like
- Information kiosk for boating visitors
- Child friendly features
- Landscaping
- Clear connections from Brown Street to water
- Public docking/additional floating docks/tours
Design Event

Second part of workshop was led by Wil Gates and Don Leighton

Opportunity for attendees to design Wickford!
Existing Waterfront Parking Lot

Existing Parking  126

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Park Expansion at 55 Brown St.
OPTION ONE - Runestone Location

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Proposed Waterfront Parking Lot

major modifications

Proposed Parking 91

Extended Harbor Walk

Waterside Welcome Feature
Brown St Pedestrian/Sidewalk Improvements
WEST SIDE

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Brown St Pedestrian/Sidewalk Improvements
EAST SIDE

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What’s Next?

• Final determination of Rune Stone location
• Incorporation of WWW work into comp plan
• Town staff to continue West Main/Phillips push at state level (RI DOT)
• Move forward with early action items
Thank you!

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